

GP ARCHIVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

10.13.11

Attending: Charlie Snyder, Kay Hager, Nancy Schwartz, Nancy Walz, Rebecca Rawls

Edlund Oral History

We're in the process of checking Paul Edlund's oral history transcript so we can release it in time for his memorial service. It'll be uploaded to the GP website and we'll provide a copy for his daughter Karen as well as have a copy for people to browse at the service.

Archival Classification and ID numbering system

Based on what we learned at other archives and from working with PastPerfect, we'll begin classifying archival documents with a unique eight-digit "Object ID" such as 1001.0002. Rebecca will write up a description of how to enter each archival material into PastPerfect using this numbering system and it'll be posted next to the computer. Admittedly there are many ways to set up the numbering and we are choosing a simple method which we may decide to change or enhance as we go.

Donations:

* Galloway Collection

There's a lot of excitement around the Galloway Collection of photos from the late 1800's donated to the Archives by the grandson of Beverly Galloway, the builder of the house at 10925 Kenilworth, now occupied by Perry Chapman. The collection contains a number of pictures of the Galloway house and family from the 1890s, as well as shots which show several other houses in Garrett Park in the same time period. Perhaps the most exciting is a view of the Palemon Dorsett House on Montrose, one of the houses that burned in 1903. There are also photos of the spring, a view of the old school house, and a view down the B&O tracks from the north. (It shows the single main track and a siding at Garrett Park plus Penn Place.). Nancy Schwartz will send the digital copies to a photo restorer at the Univ. of Delaware who will clean up the copies but not affect the originals. Perfect timing for the committee to then plan a presentation and display them in the glass case in the Post Office. Also donated was an 1896 issue of "The Park", a broadsheet pre-dating the Bugle.

* Payne Papers

Pam Payne Morgan is organizing her parents' papers which she plans to donate to the Archives.

* Vickie Bailey Collection

Vickie Bailey has graciously donated 570 of her digital photos of scenes in the town and local birds.

Archives Conference

On Tuesday October 18th, the committee will host a conference at the Town Hall for neighboring archivists. The idea is to encourage networking among us and it provides a way for the committee to thank them for the sharing of information when we toured their archives over the spring and summer. Marian has planned a short program followed by a tour of the archives room. Nancy S. will offer to take them on a walking tour of the town as well.

Committee Replacements

Glenda has resigned from the committee as of Dec. 31st due to conflicts with her schedule and travel plans. She's been invaluable at making contacts with neighboring archivists and finding terrific interns from local schools. Marian will also resign as of Dec. 31st from the committee, although she will continue creating programs and working in the archives. She has contributed large amounts of her time over the past year setting up programming, managing volunteers and organizing the materials. The committee could never have made so much progress without both of their dedication.

Suzanne Grefsheim has offered to join the committee this fall. We'll be looking for one more member.

Where We Go from Here

We'll continue to look for an appropriate consultant to advise the committee. Although we have several excellent interns, we'll continue to scout for more. Charlie suggested it was time to do more P.R. and really show what we do and what we have. We'll include an article in the next Bugle describing the Galloway collection. We can also solicit via the Bugle quirky (or not) historical anecdotes from Garrett Parkers, perhaps to be added to the website in some way. Another idea was to simply do a Google search on Garrett Park and have an intern collect all kinds of material off the web.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 7:30 pm in the Town office.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Walz.